

## Pandemic Response Team

August 25, 2021

Zoom

9:00 a.m.

### Attendees:

Dr. George Pimentel, President  
Dr. Kyle Barron, Vice President of Student Services  
Steve Cornelison, Director of Athletics  
Dr. Patrick Davis, Dean of Academic Support  
Tim Dellinger, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs  
Meda Falls, Director of Savannah Center  
Heather Freeman, Administrative Assistant to the President  
Dr. Liz Mayo, Faculty Council Representative  
Shannon Mayo, Coordinator of Paris Site  
John McCommon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing  
Linda Nickell, Dean of Students  
Dr. Tom Pigg, Dean of Health Sciences and CIT  
Lisa Rojas, Director of Humboldt Center  
Kristina Martin, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services  
Patti Tanski Mego, Professional Technical Council Representative  
Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center  
Christi Tall, Classified Council Representative  
Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant  
Amy West, Director of Human Resources  
Dr. Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing  
Shane Young, Chief of Police

- **Welcome**

Dr. Pimentel began the meeting at 9:02 a.m. We went through a lot of changes with mask language in three days. He appreciates the help in communicating updates to all. It appears most are complying with the mask requirement.

- **COVID-19 Positive Case/Quarantine Report- TBR weekly report**

- Faculty/Staff – 2 positive cases            0 quarantines
- Student –            27 positive cases            16 quarantines

The numbers may increase. There are a few calls and e-mails that need to be followed up on from last night. Contact tracing for on campus exposure is being conducted.

- Guest –            0 positive cases            0 quarantines
- Athletics – Has a couple of positives. Those will be given to Linda Nickell and Kristina Martin for tracking.

- **Discussion Items**

- **Public Service Messages and Health of Students**

The team discussed several public service announcement ideas on facemasks, vaccinations, hand washing, social distancing, etc. that could be shared on social media and jTV. We want to encourage both physical and mental health practices with our students and staff. Our contracted counselor will be located in the veteran's student lounge area of the F E Wright Administration Building. She is working Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She can be contacted at ext. 50260 or [scounsel@jsc.edu](mailto:scounsel@jsc.edu) to get an appointment. Zoom sessions will be conducted for off campus students.

- **Classroom Cleaning Supplies**

Sanitizing wipes, masks, and pump hand sanitizers will be placed at the teachers' stations in classrooms and will be replenished each Friday. If additional supplies are needed prior to being replenished each week, faculty should work through the division secretaries. This process will help with tracking supplies. CARES Act funds will be used to purchase touchless hand sanitizers that will be installed in classrooms.

- **JSCC face masks**

All the JSCC face masks have been given out to employees. CARES Act funds are being used to purchase more.

- **Social Distancing**

Social Distancing is encourage when possible. However, it is not always an option. That is why masks are required. The team discussed excess chairs were removed prior to the start of the semester. Some classes may have empty seats but others are full, in the same classroom. Excess furniture and storage that is not being used could be removed to create more space for socially distancing. The Deans would need to identify those items. The team also discussed the possibility of purchasing single seats instead of table seating for classroom space. CARES Act funds could potentially cover the expense but the delivery time could be substantial.

- **Vaccination Month update**

In support of August being vaccination awareness month, the Madison County Regional Health Department was contacted regarding offering another vaccination clinic on campus. At this time, with the third doses being available, they do not have the staff to support and off campus clinic. They are encouraging all to come to their location.

- **Ear buds**

Students are requesting headphones or ear buds while on campus for online or flex class needs. Dr. Pigg is going to work with the off campus centers and distance learning to ear buds with CARES Act funds.